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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

Notice of Opposition

Notice is hereby given that the following party opposes registration of the indicated application.

Opposer Information

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Granted to Date of previous extension	08/23/2014
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Applicant Information

Application No	86172375	Publication date	06/24/2014
Opposition Filing Date	08/22/2014	Opposition Peri- od Ends	08/23/2014
Applicants	Burkhart, Philip 3000 F Danville Blvd, No. 521 Alamo, CA 94507 UNITED STATES Burkhart, Karen		
	3000 F Danville Blvd., No. 52 ⁻ Alamo, CA 94507 UNITED STATES	1	

Goods/Services Affected by Opposition

Class 033. First Use: 0 First Use In Commerce: 0
All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Wines and Sparkling Wines

Grounds for Opposition

Priority and likelihood of confusion	Trademark Act section 2(d)
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Marks Cited by Opposer as Basis for Opposition

U.S. Registration No.	3361296	Application Date	09/27/2006
Registration Date	01/01/2008	Foreign Priority	NONE

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Word Mark	SPARKLETINI		
Design Mark			
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 033. First use: First Use: 2004/09/10 First Use In Commerce: 2004/09/10 Alcoholic beverages, namely wines, sparkling wines, fruit wines, aperitifs witha wine base, sweet wines		

U.S. Registration No.	3462915	Application Date	09/27/2006
Registration Date	07/08/2008	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	SPARKLETINI		
Design Mark			
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 032. First use: First Use: 2004/10/10 First Use In Commerce: 2004/10/10		
	Non-alcoholic beverages, namely, fruit juices, malt beverages		

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Signature	/Erica Jeung Dickey/
Name	Erica Jeung Dickey
Date	08/22/2014

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

BOSCA S.P.A.) Opposition No
Opposer,) Mark: SPA-TINI WINE CO.
v.) Serial No. 86/172375
PHILIP BURKHART and KAREN BURKHART) Filing Date: January 22, 2014
Applicants.) Published: June 24, 2014)

NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

Bosca S.P.A. ("Opposer"), an Italian joint stock company located at 15130 Via Luigi Bosca, 2, Canelli (Asti) 14053, Italy, believes that it will be damaged by registration of the SPA-TINI WINE CO. mark shown in Serial No. 86/172375 for "wines and sparkling wines" (the "SPA-TINI WINE CO. Application") filed by Philip Burkhart and Karen Burkhart, United States individuals with an address of 3000 F Danville Blvd., No. 521, Alamo, California 94507 (collectively, "Applicants") and hereby opposes it. The grounds for opposition are as follows:

- 1. Opposer is a producer of wines, sparkling wines and other beverages.
- 2. Since at least as early as September 10, 2004, Opposer has used the SPARKLETINI mark ("Opposer's Mark") for alcoholic beverages, namely wines, sparkling wines, fruit wines, aperitifs with a wine base, and sweet wines.
- 3. Since at least as early as October 10, 2004, Opposer has used Opposer's Mark for non-alcoholic beverages, namely, fruit juices, and malt beverages.

4. Opposer owns the following United States Trademark Registrations for Opposer's Mark:

Mark	Reg. Number / Reg. Date	Filing Date	Goods / Date of First Use
SPARKLETINI	3,361,296 January 1, 2008	September 27, 2006	Alcoholic beverages, namely wines, sparkling wines, fruit wines, aperitifs with a wine base, sweet wines (Sept. 10, 2004)
SPARKLETINI	3,462,915 July 8, 2008	September 27, 2006	Non-alcoholic beverages, namely, fruit juices, malt beverages (Oct. 10, 2004)

(the "SPARKLETINI Registrations"). Printouts of the current status and title of the SPARKLETINI Registrations from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) Trademark Status & Document Retrieval (TSDR) database are attached as Exhibit A.

- 5. Opposer's SPARKLETINI Registrations have not been canceled, are valid, and are in full force and effect.
- 6. Opposer's SPARKLETINI Registrations are incontestable under Section 15 of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1065, and are conclusive evidence of the validity of the registered mark, the registrations, Opposer's ownership of the marks, and Opposer's exclusive right to use Opposer's Mark in commerce under Section 33 of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1115.
- 7. Opposer has advertised and promoted Opposer's Mark extensively and has made substantial sales of goods, in particular fruit-flavored sparkling wine, under the mark.
- 8. As a result of the widespread and extensive use of Opposer's Mark, such marks have become widely and favorably known throughout the United States and have become recognized by the trade and public as identifying the goods bearing such marks and

distinguishing them from the goods and services of others. Opposer's Mark represents valuable goodwill which inures to the benefit of Opposer.

- 9. Upon information and belief, Applicants are United States Individuals with an address at 3000 F Danville Blvd., No. 521, Alamo, California 94507.
- 10. On January 22, 2014, Applicants filed an intent to use application to register the SPA-TINI WINE CO. mark ("Applicants' Mark") for "wines and sparkling wines" in Class 33.
 - 11. Upon information and belief, Applicants were aware of Opposer's Mark.
- 12. The SPA-TINI WINE CO. Application was published for opposition on June 24, 2014. Opposer was granted a 30-day extension of time to oppose the SPA-TINI WINE CO. Application on July 22, 2014. This Notice of Opposition is timely filed.
- 13. There is no issue of priority. Opposer has priority with respect to the marks at issue because it used and registered Opposer's Mark long before Applicants filed their SPATINI WINE CO. Application.
- 14. Applicants claim no use of the mark SPA-TINI WINE CO, however, according to Applicants' website: www.spatiniwineco.com, the mark is in use in connection with fruit-flavored sparkling wine.
- 15. Applicants' Mark, when applied to Applicants' Goods, is likely to cause confusion, mistake or deception with Opposer's Mark within the meaning of Section 2(d) of the Trademark Act.
- 16. Applicants' Mark is confusingly similar in appearance, sound, meaning, and overall commercial impression when compared to Opposer's Mark.
- 17. All of the goods identified in Applicants' SPA-TINI Application, including specifically those currently sold by Applicant under Applicant's Mark, namely fruit-flavored

sparkling wine ("<u>Applicants' Goods</u>") are either identical or closely related to the goods identified in Opposer's SPARKLETINI Registrations, including specifically certain goods sold by Opposer, namely fruit-flavored sparkling wine. ("<u>Opposer's Goods</u>").

- 18. Upon information and belief, Applicants' Goods and Opposer's Goods are directly competitive and would be marketed, advertised, and promoted in the same manner.
- 19. Upon information and belief, Applicants' Goods and Opposer's Goods would be marketed and sold in the same channels of trade to the same consumers or class of consumers.
- 20. Based on the similarities in the parties' marks, goods, and trade channels, consumers and potential consumers are likely to believe that Applicants' Goods originate from Opposer or are otherwise endorsed, sponsored, or approved by Opposer, resulting in a likelihood of confusion.
- 21. If Applicants were granted the registration herein opposed for the goods herein opposed, it would thereby obtain at least a prima facie exclusive right to the use of such mark. Such registration would be a source of damage and injury to Opposer.
- 22. In light of the foregoing allegations, Opposer believes that registration of the mark shown in the SPA-TINI WINE CO. Application will result in damage to Opposer under the provisions of Section 2(d) of the U.S. Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 1052.

WHEREFORE, Opposer requests that this opposition be sustained and the registration of Applicants' application, Serial No. 86/172375 be denied.

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Respectfully submitted,

BOSCA S.P.A.

By its Attorneys,

Date: August 22, 2014 /Erica Jeung Dickey/

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AND MAILING

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Opposition is being served upon Applicants' Attorney of Record via overnight courier:

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Date: August 22, 2014	/Erica Jeung Dickey/
-	Erica Jeung Dickey

EXHIBIT A

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Mark: SPARKLETINI

SPARKLETINI

US Serial Number: 77008316 Application Filing Date: Sep. 27, 2006
US Registration Number: 3361296 Registration Date: Jan. 01, 2008

Register: Principal

Mark Type: Trademark

Status: A Sections 8 and 15 combined declaration has been accepted and acknowledged.

Status Date: Mar. 08, 2013

Publication Date: Oct. 16, 2007

Mark Information

Mark Literal Elements: SPARKLETINI

Standard Character Claim: Yes. The mark consists of standard characters without claim to any particular font style, size, or color.

Mark Drawing Type: 4 - STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

Goods and Services

Note: The following symbols indicate that the registrant/owner has amended the goods/services:

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Asterisks *..* identify additional (new) wording in the goods/services.

For: Alcoholic beverages, namely wines, sparkling wines, fruit wines, aperitifs with a wine base, sweet wines

International Class(es): 033 - Primary Class U.S Class(es): 047, 049

Class Status: ACTIVE

Basis: 1(a)

First Use: Sep. 10, 2004 **Use in Commerce:** Sep. 10, 2004

Basis Information (Case Level)

 Filed Use:
 Yes
 Amended Use:
 No

 Filed ITU:
 No
 Currently ITU:
 No
 Amended ITU:
 No

 Filed 44D:
 No
 Currently 44D:
 No
 Amended 44D:
 No

 Filed 66A:
 No
 Currently 44E:
 No
 Amended 44E:
 No

Filed No Basis: No Currently No Basis: No Currently No Basis: No

Current Owner(s) Information

Owner Name: BOSCA S.P.A.

Owner Address: Via Luigi Bosca, 2

Canelli (Asti) 14053 ITALY

Legal Entity Type: JOINT STOCK COMPANY

State or Country Where ITALY

Organized:

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Mar. 08, 2013	REGISTERED - SEC. 8 (6-YR) ACCEPTED & SEC. 15 ACK.	67723
Mar. 08, 2013	CASE ASSIGNED TO POST REGISTRATION PARALEGAL	67723
Feb. 19, 2013	TEAS SECTION 8 & 15 RECEIVED	
Jan. 01, 2008	REGISTERED-PRINCIPAL REGISTER	
Oct. 16, 2007	PUBLISHED FOR OPPOSITION	
Sep. 26, 2007	NOTICE OF PUBLICATION	
Sep. 13, 2007	LAW OFFICE PUBLICATION REVIEW COMPLETED	68552
Sep. 13, 2007	ASSIGNED TO LIE	68552
Aug. 06, 2007	APPROVED FOR PUB - PRINCIPAL REGISTER	
Aug. 03, 2007	TEAS/EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE ENTERED	88889
Aug. 02, 2007	CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN LAW OFFICE	88889
Aug. 02, 2007	TEAS RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION RECEIVED	
Feb. 15, 2007	NON-FINAL ACTION E-MAILED	6325
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Mark: SPARKLETINI

SPARKLETINI

US Serial Number: 77008343 Application Filing Date: Sep. 27, 2006
US Registration Number: 3462915 Registration Date: Jul. 08, 2008

Register: Principal

Mark Type: Trademark

Status: A Sections 8 and 15 combined declaration has been accepted and acknowledged.

Status Date: Nov. 19, 2013

Publication Date: Oct. 16, 2007 Notice of Allowance Date: Jan. 08, 2008

Mark Information

Mark Literal Elements: SPARKLETINI

Standard Character Claim: Yes. The mark consists of standard characters without claim to any particular font style, size, or color.

Mark Drawing Type: 4 - STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

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For: Non-alcoholic beverages, namely, fruit juices, malt beverages

International Class(es): 032 - Primary Class U.S Class(es): 045, 046, 048

Class Status: ACTIVE

Basis: 1(a)

First Use: Oct. 10, 2004 **Use in Commerce:** Oct. 10, 2004

Basis Information (Case Level)

 Filed Use:
 No
 Currently Use:
 Yes
 Amended Use:
 No

 Filed ITU:
 Yes
 Currently ITU:
 No
 Amended ITU:
 No

 Filed 44D:
 No
 Currently 44D:
 No
 Amended 44D:
 No

 Filed 66A:
 No
 Currently 66A:
 No

Filed 66A: No Currently 66A: No Filed No Basis: No Currently No Basis: No

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